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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks United States Patent and Trademark Office Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby submits the prior art documents listed hereinbelow, copies enclosed.

1. U.S. Patent No. 4,809,715, By Musetti, Patented March 7, 1989, for POCKET ASSEMBLY. This reference relates to a pocket ashtray in which a cigarette, cigar or other burning material is extinguished by means of insertion into a two part cylindrical tube, sealed at one end, thereby depleting the oxygen level in the tube, and enabling the rapid extinguishing of cigarettes, or other burning material. The unit also embodies a clip similar to a pen, for convenient carrying, and one part of the tube constitutes an ejection tube for removal of material in the cylindrical tube.

A copy of the foregoing patent is enclosed herewith along with a listing on form PTO-1449.

The undersigned submits the above-identified references for independent consideration by the Examiner and does not make any admission that these references are or are not

material to the present invention or that these references are or are not prior art with respect to the present invention.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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